Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi to China in December 1988. In addition to discussing proposals fo$_r$ a boundary settlement, the JWG also discusses measures for maintaining peace and tranquility and for confidence building in border areas. The JWG has held four meetings so far. At the last meeting in New Delhi in February, 1992, agreement was reached on holding of regular meetings of border personnel of the two countries and the setting up of telephone communication links at border points. Views were exchaged on confidence-building measures along the Line of Actual Control and these will b$_e$ reviewed at the next meeting of the JWG to be held in Beijing this year. The two sides ar$_e$ currently engaged in defining parameteres for a boundary settlement an dexploring how-differences can be narrowed so that a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution is achieved.

Code of conduct drawn up on diplomats by Pakistan

188. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Code of Conduct drawn up by Pakistan was handed over to the Indian High Commissioner in Islamabad recently,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are examining the Code of Conduct handed over by Pakistan;

(d) whether it is a fact that Indian Diplontktt are not allowed to travel any where in Pakistan without prior permission from Pak foreign office and this restriction applies only to Indian Diplomats; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STAIE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's proposal regarding a Code of Conduct for diplomats was received in June, 1992 and to which w$_e$ shall soon be sending a response.

(d) In terms of existing Govemment of Pakistan regulations, all diplomats, including Indian diplomats, are required to take prior written permission before under a journey outside Islamabad/Rawalpindi and Kerachi.

(e) Government takes all factors into consideration in formulating its approach on the question of regulations governing Pakistani and Indian diplomats in New Delhi and Islamabad respectively.

Protest lodged against torture of Indian diplomate in Islamabad

189. SHRl JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of the protest lodged by Government with Pakistan against the torture of Indian diplomat Shri Mittal in Islamabad in the last week of May, 1992; and

(b) what measures Government have taken for the safety and security of Indian diplomats and their families in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government expect that as a result of protests lodged by Govmment of lndia the Government of Pakistan will fulfil its commitments under the relevant international Conventions on diplomatic privileges and immunities.

(b) In terms of these Conventions, the responsibility of ensuring the safety of diplomatic missions and Personnel lies with the host Government. We have